

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **19 JULY 2004** at the

Council House from 2.30 pm to 2.45 pm

Councillor Cresswell (Chair)
Councillor Grocock (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Clarke-Smith
Councillor Ibrahim
Councillor James
Councillor G Khan
Councillor Packer
Councillor Smith
Councillor Stapleton
Councillor Wilson

- indicates present at meeting

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clarke-Smith, James and Stapleton.

18 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to the amendment of the resolution in minute 13 to read 'Mr T', instead of 'Mr J', the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2004, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

19 NOTTS COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB, MEADOW LANE - SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975 AND FIRE SAFETY AND SAFETY OF PLACES OF SPORT ACT 1987

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of City Development, copies of which had been circulated, together with observations of the Service Manager, Health and Safety Enforcements, Committee members and members of the Committee's Safety Advisory Group made during a visit to the facility on 19 July 2004.

Mr R Davy, Safety Manager, Notts County Football Club attended the meeting on behalf of the club. The City Council was represented by Mr A Thomson, Service Manager, Health and Safety Enforcements and Miss M Nightingale, Team Leader (Health and Safety), City Development.

Mr Thomson presented the report and drew Members' attention to matters arising from the Committee's inspection of the ground on 19 July 2004 and an inspection by Nottinghamshire's Police and Fire Services and a City Council Building Control Officer on 28 June 2004. Mr Thomson referred to his letter to Mr Davy dated 1 July 2004 and identified which items of work, listed in the letter, had and had not been completed to date.

Mr Thomson, Ms Nightingale and Mr Davy, having made their submissions and been available for questioning, withdrew from the meeting during the Committee's deliberations.

RESOLVED that, having received an undertaking from Mr Davy on behalf of Notts County Football Club, to ensure that all outstanding works, identified in the Council's letter dated 1 July 2004, would be completed before the commencement of the official football season:-

- (1) subject to the following, the Committee was content for the General Safety Certificate for Notts County Football Ground to remain in force, with a maximum capacity of 19,588 spectators, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report:-**
 - (i) submission to the Corporate Director of City Development of satisfactory inspection reports relating to structures, equipment and services, in compliance with requirement H.2.1 of the Certificate, prior to the commencement of football fixtures;**
 - (ii) completion of all outstanding works, as per the Club's undertaking, to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director of City Development, prior to commencement of football fixtures;**
- (2) the schedule of deviations from the recommendations in the 4th edition of the Guide To Safety At Sports Grounds (Green Guide), as listed in Appendix 2 to the report, be accepted;**
- (3) the Club be commended for the improvements which had been carried out to the premises since last year's review, and in particular the boundary treatment to Iremonger Road.**